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Lateral adhesion drives reintegration of misplaced cells into epithelial monolayers

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Abstract

Cells in simple epithelia orient their mitotic spindles in the plane of the epithelium so that both daughter cells are born within the epithelial sheet. This is assumed to be important to maintain epithelial integrity and prevent hyperplasia, because misaligned divisions give rise to cells outside the epithelium^{1,2}. Here we test this assumption in three types of *Drosophila* epithelia; the cuboidal follicle epithelium, the columnar early embryonic ectoderm, and the pseudostratified neuroepithelium. Ectopic expression of *Inscuteable* in these tissues reorients mitotic spindles, resulting in one daughter cell being born outside of the epithelial layer. Live imaging reveals that these misplaced cells reintegrate into the tissue. Reducing the levels of the lateral homophilic adhesion molecules Neuroglian or Fasciclin 2 disrupts reintegration, giving rise to extra-epithelial cells, whereas disruption of adherens junctions has no effect. Thus, the reinsertion of misplaced cells appears to be driven by lateral adhesion, which pulls cells born outside the epithelia layer back into it. Our findings reveal a robust mechanism that protects epithelia against the consequences of misoriented divisions.

Previous work demonstrated that metaphase spindles in the cuboidal follicle epithelium are oriented between 0° and 35° relative to the plane of the layer, roughly perpendicular to the apical-basal axis of the cell³. Metaphase spindle orientation in this tissue relies on the canonical factors *Mud* and *Pins*, and mutants in either gene randomize spindle orientation⁴. Unexpectedly, we found that the organisation of the epithelium is maintained in *mud* and *pins* mutants (Fig. 1A and Supplementary Fig. 1A). This is not due to post-metaphase correction of division angles, as vertically-oriented spindles persist into telophase in *mud* mutants (Fig. 1B).

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To disrupt spindle orientation more severely, we ectopically expressed Inscuteable in follicle cells. In neuroblasts, this protein recruits Pins and Mud to the apical cortex of neuroblasts so that mitotic spindles are oriented along the apical-basal axis^{5–9}. It has a similar effect on spindle orientation when ectopically expressed in follicle cells (Fig. 1C). Rather than randomizing spindle orientation as in *pins* and *mud* mutants, Inscuteable orients almost all spindles perpendicular to the epithelial plane (Fig. 1D). Divisions are thus horizontal and produce an apical and a basal daughter (Supplementary Fig. 1B). Like spindle randomization, this has no effect on tissue organisation (Figs. 1C, 1E and Supplementary Fig. 1C). In the neuroblast, spindle orientation controls cell fate by ensuring the asymmetric segregation of fate determinants to one daughter cell. Inscuteable expression in the follicle epithelium does not confer neural cell fate, since it does not cause expression of the transcription factor Deadpan (Supplementary Fig. 1D). We also observed that female flies expressing UAS-Inscuteable under the control of the strong follicle cell driver Traffic Jam-Gal4 are fertile (not shown), indicating that reorienting most divisions in the follicular epithelium does not disrupt egg chamber development.

In the imaginal wing disc, misoriented cell division is associated with basal cell extrusion and apoptosis^{10,11}. We therefore considered the possibility that the apically misplaced cells produced by horizontal divisions in the follicle cell layer are also eliminated by programmed cell death. However, misplaced cells show neither cleaved caspase-3 immunoreactivity nor pyknosis (Supplementary Fig. 1E). Furthermore, expression of the apoptotic inhibitor p35 has no effect on follicular epithelia expressing Inscuteable (n=17 ovarioles from 6 dissected flies) or containing *pins⁶²* mutant clones (n=12 clones larger than 5 cells) (Supplementary Fig. 1F,G). Live imaging reveals that rather than dying, misplaced daughter cells simply reintegrate back into the epithelial monolayer (Fig. 1F and Supplementary Movie 1).

Our findings prompted a closer examination of mitosis in wild type follicle cells. These cells only divide during the early stages of egg chamber maturation, switching from mitosis to endocycling at stage 6. Live imaging reveals that the monolayer has an uneven, “bubbly” appearance in early stages (Supplementary Fig. 2A). This is because mitotic cells round up, exhibiting a concomitant increase in cortical phospho-myosin (Supplementary Figure 2B), and often move apically, pulling away from the basement membrane (Fig. 2A,B). Daughter cells are frequently born detached from the basement membrane (Fig. 2C and Supplementary Figure 2C). These cells then reinsert into the monolayer (Fig. 2D and Supplementary Movie 2). These results are consistent with the earlier observation that metaphase spindle angles, which determine the angle of division, are not strictly parallel to the plane of the tissue. They also show that in the follicle epithelium reintegration is not only a backup mechanism, but occurs as a normal feature of division. We speculate that apical movement and angled cell divisions may help to relieve local tension caused by cell expansion and division, which crowds the tightly-packed neighboring cells.

Reintegration of newly-born epithelial cells has previously been observed in two specific developmental contexts. In mammalian uterine buds, cells move apically into the lumen to divide and one daughter cell then re-inserts into the epithelium at a distant site¹². This may contribute to branching. Secondly, neuroepithelial cells of the zebrafish neural keel normally orient their spindles vertically, and the apical daughter then intercalates into the opposite

side of the neural tube in a process that depends on planar cell polarity signaling¹³. In both of these cases, reintegration occurs at a distant site. In contrast, reintegration in the follicle epithelium is always local, and therefore acts to maintain, rather than to alter, epithelial architecture.

Since local reintegration can only be detected by live imaging, it is possible that it is a general feature of epithelial tissues that has been largely overlooked. To test this possibility, we examined two other types of *Drosophila* epithelia: the columnar epithelium of the early embryonic ectoderm and the neuroepithelium of the developing optic lobe. It has previously been shown that ectopic expression of Inscuteable reorients spindles in these tissues without affecting tissue integrity (Fig. 3A,B)^{5,6,14}. The neuroepithelium is pseudostratified and undergoes interkinetic nuclear migration prior to division^{14,15}. Expression of Inscuteable in this tissue efficiently reorients divisions, producing one daughter cell that protrudes apically from the layer, as in the follicular epithelium (Fig. 3C). Live imaging reveals that these apical cells then reintegrate into the epithelium over the next 30 minutes (Fig. 3C, Supplementary Fig. 3A, and Supplementary Movie 3). Inscuteable expression also causes misoriented divisions in the columnar cells of the early embryonic ectoderm, resulting in misplaced daughter cells that lie below, rather than above, the monolayer (Supplementary Fig. 3B,C). 3D tracking over time shows that these basally-misplaced daughter cells can move apically to reintegrate (Fig. 3D and Supplementary Fig. 3D).

Reintegration appears to be an active process, since cells undergo a series of shape changes as they reinsert into the monolayer (Fig. 4A and Supplemental Movie 4). One possibility is that this is a cell migration process driven by actomyosin constriction at the rear (the apical surface), which squeezes the basal side of the cell back into the epithelium. However, we did not observe an obvious enrichment of the Myosin Regulatory Light Chain (Spaghetti Squash) or Heavy Chain (Zipper) at the apical surface of reintegrating cells (Fig. 4B, Supplementary Fig. 4A, and Supplemental Movie 5). Myosin is most obviously enriched at the adherens junctions. This correlates with a planar constriction of the reintegrating cell at this level, which would be predicted to hinder rather than help reintegration. Furthermore, reintegrating cells often show a large, transient expansion of their apical free surface, which suggests that the apical membrane is pushed out to accommodate the compression of the basal side of the cell as it squeezes between its neighbours (Supplementary Fig. 4B). This behavior is incompatible with a reintegration mechanism initiated by a contractile force at the rear of the cell, although myosin may play a role in retracting the apical projection during the final stages of reintegration.

These observations raise the question of how cells born above or below the monolayer are induced to move in the correct direction to reintegrate. We observed previously that the apical polarity factors aPKC, Bazooka, and Crumbs disappear from the apical cortex of the follicle cells during mitosis, so it is unlikely that they act as polarity cues for reintegration⁴. Similarly, misplaced cells have no obvious attachment to the basement membrane, and there is no evidence that they form basal stalks, which in any case would be inherited only by the basal daughter of a horizontal division. In *Drosophila*, cadherin-based adherens junctions localize to the apical side of the lateral membrane, in contrast to mammals where they lie more basally. Cells born apical to the epithelium remain attached to the monolayer by these

apical adherens junctions, as revealed by Armadillo (*Drosophila* β -Catenin) staining (Fig. 4C). In wild type tissues, both daughter cells inherit part of the apical belt of adherens junctions from the mother cell, whereas the more apical daughter inherits all of the adherens junctions following a horizontal division^{16,17} (Supplementary Fig. 4C). Live imaging reveals that the basal cell generates a new junction with its sister and a transient junction that extends along its lateral cortex (Fig. 4D and Supplementary Movie 6). Thus, adherens junctions link both apical and basal daughters to cells within the epithelium.

To test for a role for adherens junctions in reintegration, we used the strong hypomorphic allele *armadillo*³ (previously called *arm*^{XP33}) which encodes a truncated protein and causes intermittent gaps in the epithelium¹⁸. We were unable to detect misplaced cells or multilayering in *arm*³ clones expressing Inscuteable ($n = 15$ mutant clones of at least 6 cells) and observed no cell death (Fig. 4E). Reintegration of an *arm*³ mutant cell expressing Inscuteable was also observed directly (Supplementary Fig. 4D). These results argue against a major role for adherens junctions in this process.

In addition to their apicolateral adherens junctions, follicle cells adhere laterally through functionally-redundant homophilic adhesion molecules, such as the IgCAM Neuroglian¹⁶⁷ (Nrg¹⁶⁷) and the N-Cam-like protein Fasciclin II (Fas2)^{19,20}. Both Nrg¹⁶⁷ and Fas2 are highly expressed along the length of follicle cell lateral membranes during the first half of oogenesis, when follicle cells are dividing, but their expression is down-regulated in post-mitotic stages (Fig. 5A,B)²¹. This pattern of expression suggests that these proteins are important during division. They are also expressed along lateral membranes in the embryonic epithelium and neuroepithelium (Supplementary Fig. 5A,B). Furthermore, Nrg is localised along the cortex throughout the course of reintegration (Supplementary Movie 7).

In agreement with earlier work, shRNA-mediated depletion of Nrg¹⁶⁷ causes the appearance of occasional follicle cells lying apical to the epithelial monolayer, which is otherwise unperturbed (Fig. 5C)²². Apical cells are also observed in mutant clones of *Fas2*^{G0336}, a P-element allele that behaves as a protein null (Fig. 5D and Supplementary Fig. 5C)²³. Similar phenotypes have been previously attributed to the loss of apical-basal polarity, but the Nrg shRNA and *Fas2* mutant cells within the monolayer appear to have normal polarity, as shown by the wild-type distributions of aPKC, Par-6, Bazooka, DE-cadherin, Arm and Dlg (Supplementary Figure 5D-I)²⁴. We therefore hypothesized that the apically extruded cells represent failed reintegrations. To test this possibility, we increased the number of cells born above the layer by overexpressing Inscuteable in *Nrg* knockdown or *Fas2* mutant cells. Inscuteable expression increased the mean number of apically-positioned cells more than twofold when combined with Nrg-shRNA and more than ten-fold in *Fas2*^{G0336} mutant egg chambers (Fig. 5E,F, and H). Live imaging confirmed that cells born apically remain above the epithelium and never reintegrate (Fig. 5G, Supplementary Movie 8 and Supplementary Fig. 5J). Cumulatively, these results show that normal levels of lateral adhesion are required for reintegration.

Based on these results, we propose that tissue surface tension drives reintegration by acting to maximize cell-cell adhesion (Fig. 5I)²⁵. Because this process is driven by lateral adhesion, it should be able to pull cells back into the monolayer from either side of the

epithelium, and this may explain how misplaced cells in the embryonic ectoderm reintegrate from the basal side, whereas follicle and optic lobe cells reintegrate from the apical side. Although these three epithelia reintegrate misplaced cells, this does not appear to be the case in the wing disc epithelium¹¹. This difference may arise because lateral adhesion molecules like Neuroglian are concentrated in apical septate junctions in the wing disc, rather than along the entire lateral membrane as seen in most other mitotic epithelia. These lateral adhesion proteins will therefore segregate into only the apical daughter of a horizontal division in the wing disc, thereby preventing the basal daughter from integrating by maximizing lateral adhesion²⁶.

Contrary to expectation, spindle misorientation does not disrupt the organisation of typical cuboidal, columnar or pseudostratified epithelia in *Drosophila*. Instead, misplaced cells reintegrate, providing a robust mechanism to protect epithelial monolayers from the consequences of misoriented divisions. Indeed, this mechanism may act more generally to safeguard epithelia against any processes that might disrupt their organisation. It will therefore be interesting to investigate whether reintegration also occurs in vertebrate epithelia, where the major lateral adhesion molecule is E-cadherin, and whether a role in reintegration contributes to E-cadherin's function as a tumour suppressor.

Methods

Mutant alleles

The following *Drosophila melanogaster* mutant alleles have been described previously and can be referenced on FlyBase.org: *armadillo*³, *mud*³ and *mud*², and *pins*^{p62}. *Fas2*^{G0336} was obtained from the Bloomington Drosophila Stock Center.

Fluorescent marker stocks

Neuroglian::YFP, Zipper::YFP, and Basigin::YFP are Cambridge Protein Trap Insertion lines. Jupiter::Cherry was derived by Nick Lowe from the Jupiter::YFP CPTI line using P-element exchange. Bazooka::GFP was generated by the Carnegie Protein Trap Project. The following markers have been described previously: Viking-GFP28, Arm-GFP29, pUbq- α -Tub-RFP30, Sqh-mCherry31, and Histone 2B-RFP32.

GAL4 drivers

Ectopic protein expression was accomplished using the UAS-GAL4 system. Expression in follicle cells was induced by any of the following drivers: T155-Gal4, GR1-Gal4, Traffic Jam-Gal4, or actin5c-FLPout-Gal4 (inducible by FRT/FLP mediated removal of a stop codon). Expression in the larval optic lobe was driven using c855a-Gal4. Expression in the embryo was driven with mata4-GAL4:VP16.

UAS lines

The UAS-Neuroglian-shRNA line TRiP.HMS01638 was generated by the Transgenic RNAi Research Project. UAS-Inscuteable33 and UAS-p3534 have been described previously.

Reagents

The following antibodies were used in this study: mouse anti-Armadillo (N2 7A1), anti-Fas2 (1D4), and anti-Discs large (4F3) (Developmental Studies Hybridoma Bank), rabbit anti-aPKC (sc216), mouse anti- α -tubulin (F2168) (Sigma), rabbit anti-cleaved Caspase-3 (8G10 #9665) (Cell Signaling), rabbit anti-Inscuteable33 and rabbit anti-Par635 (gifts from Jürgen Knoblich), rabbit anti-Scribble36 and rat anti-Deadpan37 (gift from Chris Doe), di-phospho Sqh38 (gift from Robert Ward), rat anti-DE Cadherin39 (gift from Hiroki Oda), and rabbit anti-Bazooka40 (gift from A. Wodarz). Rhodamine-Phalloidin was purchased from Invitrogen. Vectashield with DAPI was purchased from Vector Labs. Conjugated secondary antibodies were purchased from Jackson ImmunoResearch. CellMask was purchased from Life Technologies.

Immunostaining

Ovaries were fixed for 10 minutes in 10% Paraformaldehyde and 2% Tween in Phosphate Buffered Saline. Ovaries were then incubated in 10% Bovine Serum Albumin (in PBS) to block for one hour at room temperature. Embryos were dechorionated with 50% bleach for 3-5 minutes, then washed three times with water. Embryos were fixed for 20 minutes in 6% Paraformaldehyde in PBS overlaid with heptane (1:1 fixative:heptane). To divitellinize the embryos, the lower phase was removed and replaced with methanol. After vigorously shaking the vial for 30 seconds, divitellinized embryos sank down from the interphase into the lower phase. These embryos were washed three times in PBS with 0.2% Tween. For both ovaries and embryos the primary and secondary immunostainings lasted at least 3 hours in PBS with 0.2% Tween. Three washes (approximately 10 minutes each) in PBS-0.2% Tween were carried out between stainings and after the secondary staining. Primary antibodies were diluted 1:150. Secondary antibodies and phalloidin were diluted 1:1000.

Imaging

Fixed cell imaging was performed using an Olympus IX81 (40x/1.3 UPlan FLN Oil or 60x/1.35 UPlanSApo Oil). Live imaging was performed using a Leica SP5 (63x/1.4 HCX PL Apo CS Oil) or Olympus IX81 (40x/1.3 UPlan FLN Oil or 60x/1.35 UPlanSApo Oil) inverted, used with or without a Yokogawa CSU22 spinning disc imaging system. Ovaries were dissected and imaged in Schneider's Medium (Sigma) with 10 g/ml insulin (Sigma) and 0.2% agarose or in 10S Voltalef Oil (VWR). Embryos were imaged in 10S Voltalef. Optic lobes were imaged in Schneider's with insulin and agarose. Images were collected with Olympus Fluoview Ver 3.1, MetaMorph software, or Leica LAS AF and processed (Gaussian blur) using Image J. In Fig. 2C, each timepoint represents a Z-projection of three slices spaced 1 μ m apart. In Fig. 2D, each timepoint represents a Z-projection of five slices spaced 2 μ m apart.

Spindle angle measurements

Spindle angles were calculated using Image J. The angle was measured between one line drawn connecting the apical corners of the mitotic cell and another line drawn along the spindle.

Statistical analyses

The Kolmogorov-Smirnov test was used to determine significance between metaphase spindle angles. An unpaired, two-tailed student's t-test with Welch's correction was used to determine significance when comparing the number of misplaced cells in an egg chamber. No statistical method was used to predetermine sample size, the experiments were not randomized, and the investigators were not blinded to allocation during experiments and outcome assessment.

Box plots

Box plots were generated using BoxPlotR. The position of whiskers was determined by the Tukey method.

Misplaced cell counting

Ten Stage 6 egg chambers from six flies were counted in each condition. The phenotype of *Fas2^{G0336}* mutant egg chambers was measured in only those egg chambers that were at least 50% mutant.

Drosophila genetics

Follicle cell clones of *pins⁶²*, *Fas2^{G0336}*, and *arm³* were induced by incubating larvae or pupae at 37° for two out of every twelve hours over a period of at least two days. Adult females were dissected at least two days after the last heat shock. In two *arm³* mutant clones, we observed one cell apical to the layer. These cells had condensed nuclei, indicating that they were newly born and had yet to reintegrate.

Reproducibility of Experiments

Images represent the number of independent experiments as follows: Figure 1A (42), 1B (5), 1C (20), 1E (103), 1F (7). Figures 2A, 2B, and 2D are representative of the 60 live divisions quantified in 2C. Figure 3B (34), 3C (2), 3D (2 of 3). Figure 4A (60), 4B (20), 4C (3), 4D (2), 4E (15). Figure 5A (16), 5B (18), 5C (12), 5D (15), 5E (17), 5F (10), 5G (4). Supplementary Figure 1A (83), 1B (7), 1C (6), 1D (4), 1F (23), 1G (12). Supplementary Figure 2A (5), 2B (11), 2C (14). Supplementary Figure 3A (2) and 3D (3). Supplementary Figure 4A (9), 4B (7), 4C (3), 4D (2). Supplementary Figure 5A (5), 5B (8), 5C (9), 5D (7), 5E (5), 5F (6), 5G (4), 5H (6), 5I (5), 5J (3). Figures 3A, Supplementary Figure 3C, and Supplementary Figure 1E are representative of previously published work and included in this manuscript for confirmation and comparison^{5,14,27}.

Supplementary Material

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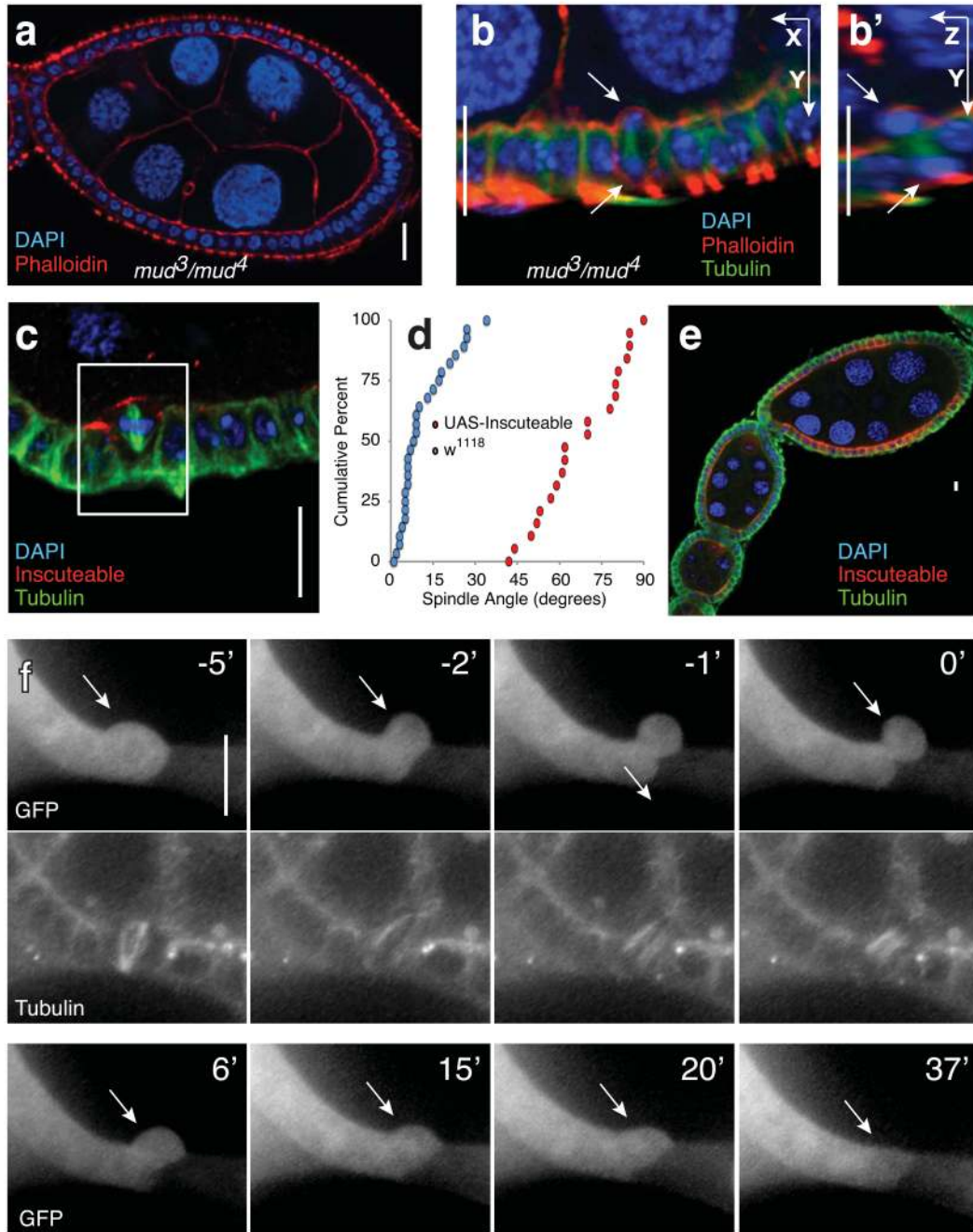


Fig. 1. Spindle misorientation does not disrupt the organisation of the follicle epithelium
A) The organisation of the follicle cells into an epithelial monolayer is normal in mud^{β}/mud^A transheterozygotes. Disorganization was not observed in any of 42 ovarioles imaged.
B) Incorrectly oriented divisions are observed in mud mutant egg chambers. Five such complete reorientations were observed. These are exceptional cases, given that mud mutation randomizes, rather than perpendicularizes, divisions.
C) Ectopically expressed Inscuteable localizes apically and causes spindle reorientation in follicle cells. This image is one of the 20 divisions quantified in Figure 1D.

D) A cumulative data plot of spindle angles in wild type ($n = 29$ spindles assessed from 29 different egg chambers) and UAS-Inscuteable expressing ($n = 20$ spindles assessed from 20 different egg chambers) follicle cells shows the extent of spindle misorientation caused by Inscuteable expression. $p = 1.047 \times 10^{-10}$ as determined by the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test.

E) Inscuteable expression does not disrupt the organisation of the follicular epithelium. This image is representative of 103 ovarioles imaged.

F) The apical product of a misoriented division reintegrates into the monolayer. Clonal expression of Actin-Gal4 was used to drive both UAS-Inscuteable and UAS-GFP, which illuminates the relevant cell (arrow) and its neighbors to the left. Tubulin-RFP marks the misoriented spindle at time $-5'$. As in subsequent timelapses, the $0'$ timepoint represents abscission. This is one of seven complete reintegrations imaged.

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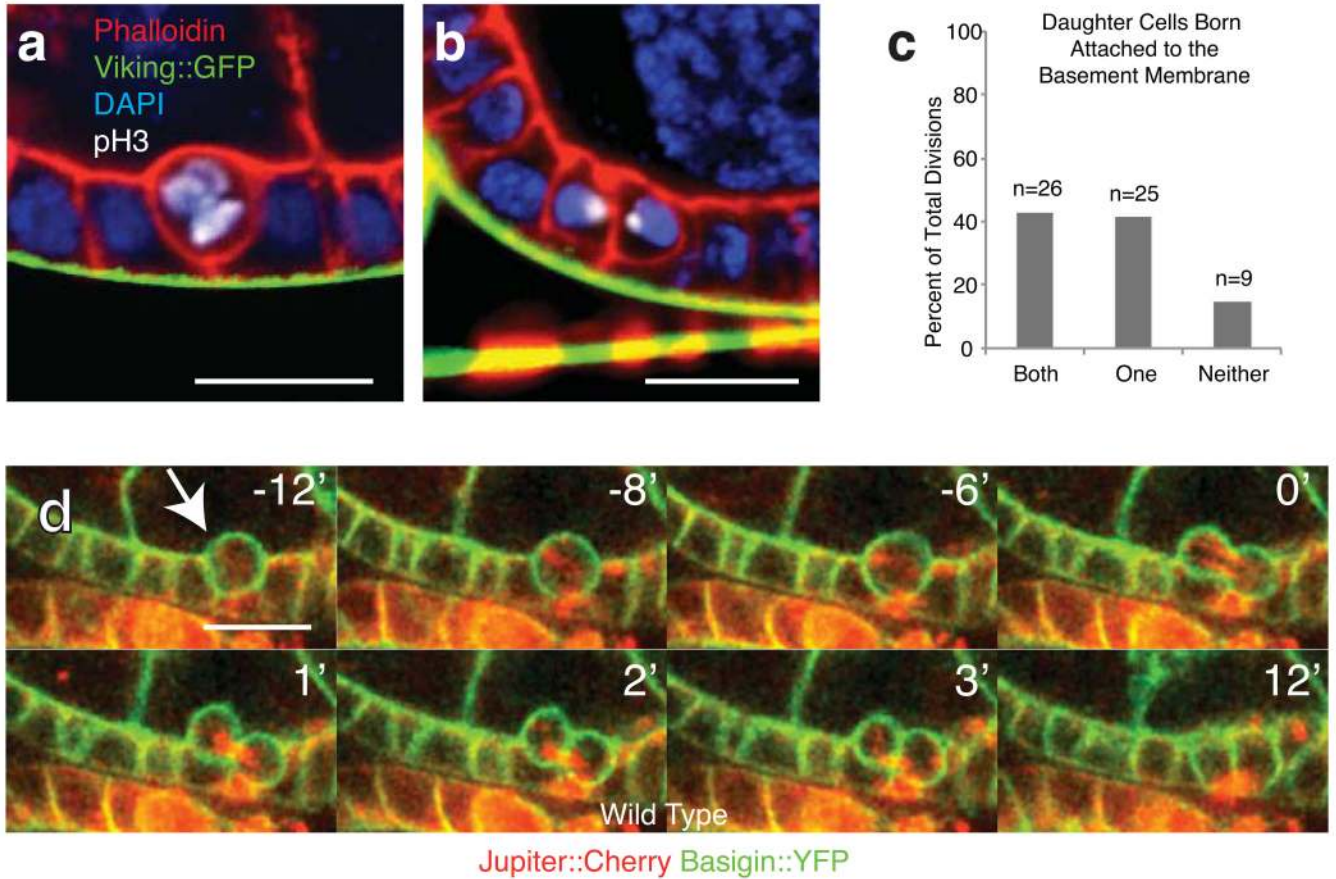


Fig. 2. Reintegration is a feature of wild type cell division in the follicle epithelium.

A and B) During division cells usually move apically relative to the epithelial layer, often appearing to detach from the basement membrane (Viking-GFP). One prometaphase cell is shown in (A) and two recently born sister cells in (B). These fixed-tissue images are representative of the live divisions quantified in (C).

C) Cells are frequently born without an obvious connection to the basement membrane. Divisions were imaged live to a depth of at least 10 microns to confirm the position of each cell in the tissue. n = number of cell divisions.

D) Reintegration occurs in wild type tissue. Egg chambers were imaged live using Jupiter:Cherry to mark the spindle and Basigin-YFP to mark the cell outline. Images taken from Supplementary Movie 2. Timepoints in this and all subsequent timecourses are numbered relative to abscission (at zero). This movie is one of the 60 divisions quantified in C.

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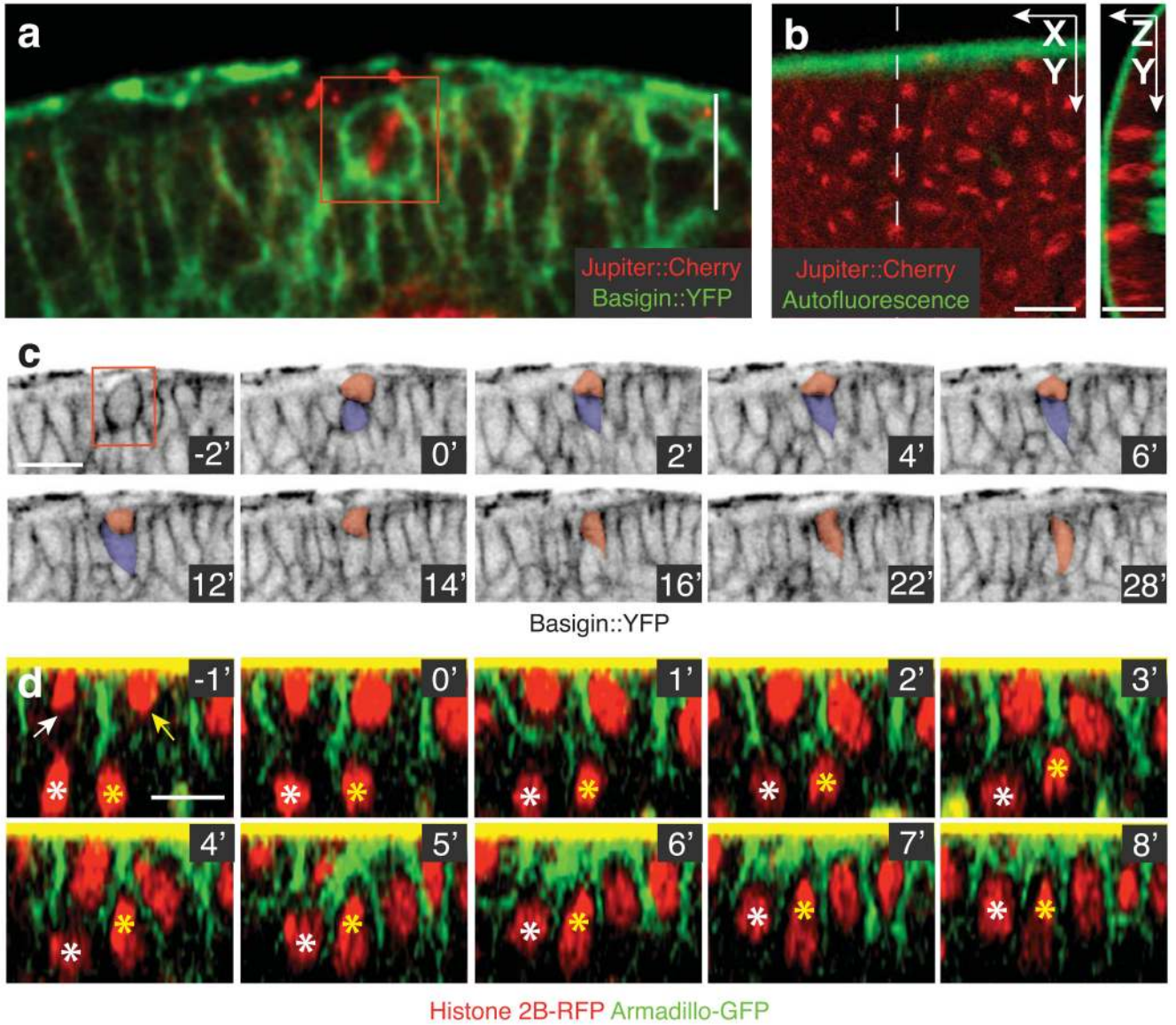


Fig. 3. Reintegration occurs in multiple epithelia

A) Inscuteable expression causes spindle misorientation in the optic lobe neuroepithelium. The two daughter cells are tracked in (C). This image is representative of the Inscuteable-induced spindle misorientation in this tissue quantified in Egger et al14.

B) Expression of Inscuteable reorients mitotic spindles in the early embryonic ectoderm. Spindles are perpendicular to the plane of the epithelium. These spindles are among the 34 quantified in Supplemental Figure 3B.

C) Both products of a misoriented division are maintained in the neuroepithelial layer. Pseudo-colouring indicates the two division products. By the 12' minute timepoint, the basal daughter has reattached to the apical surface. After this point it moves orthogonally to the plane of focus and is no longer observed. This is one of two complete reintegrations imaged in this tissue.

D) Reintegration of two basally misplaced cells following misoriented divisions in the embryonic ectoderm. Arrows point to correctly positioned daughter cells. The basally mispositioned daughters are marked by asterisks. These reintegrations, representing two of the three tracked, were exceptional; other misplaced daughter cells could not be tracked due to the rapid morphogenetic movements of the tissue and the limited depth resolution. Scale bars in this figure represent 10 μ M.

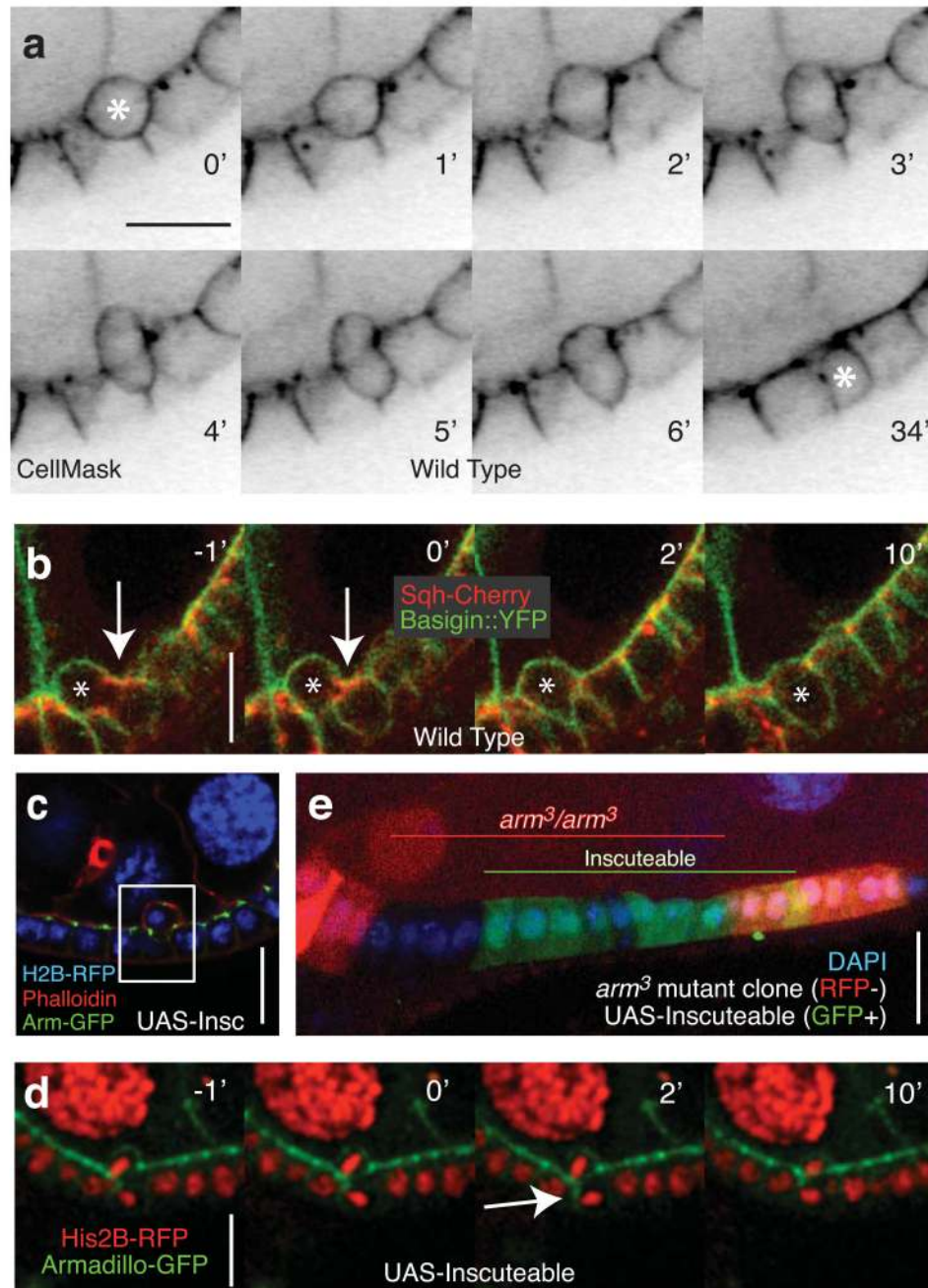


Fig. 4. Reintegration occurs despite weakened adherens junctions

A) Reintegration is characterized by an apical protrusion as the basal side of the cell reintegrates. Only one of two division products (marked by an asterisk) is seen in this plane of focus. This movie is representative of the 60 divisions quantified in Figure 2C.

B) Localized cortical enrichment of Sqh is not observed during reintegration. Arrows point to Sqh enrichment at the contractile ring. The reintegrating cell is marked with an asterisk. This represents one of 20 divisions imaged using these markers.

C) The apical product of a misoriented division remains attached to the epithelial layer via adherens junctions. This is one of three similar images collected.

D) Following an Inscuteable-induced perpendicular division, the basal daughter cell establishes a transient adherens junction along the length of its lateral cortex (marked by Armadillo-GFP) with the neighboring cell. Two Z-planes spaced 1 μ m apart were merged. This is one of two complete divisions imaged with these markers.

E) Overexpression of Inscuteable (marked by co-expression of UAS-GFP) in *armadillo*³ mutant clones (marked by loss of RFP) does not promote multilayering. This image is one of the 15 clones of > 5 cells, none of which showed multilayering.

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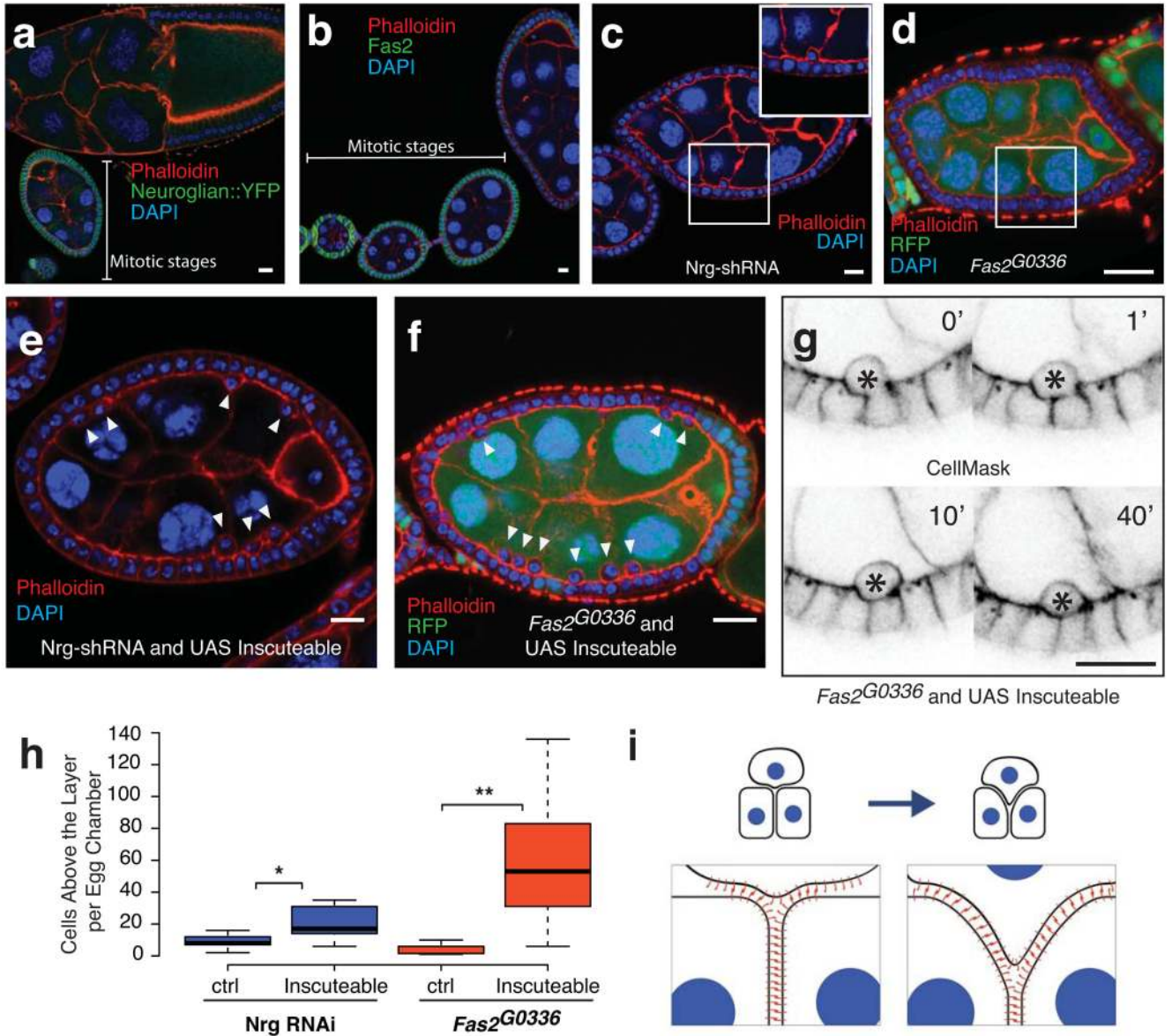


Fig. 5. Reintegration is driven by lateral cell-cell adhesion

A) Neuroglian expression in follicle cells is higher in mitotic stage egg chambers than in post-mitotic stages. This image is representative of 16.

B) Fas2 expression decreases after mitotic stages. This image is representative of 18.

C and D) Neuroglian knockdown (C) or *Fas2* mutation (D) leads to occasional follicle cells that lie apical to the monolayer. These egg chambers, quantified in Figure 5H, represent 1 of 12 (Nrg-shRNA) and 1 of 15 (*Fas2* mutant clones).

E and F) Co-expression of Inscuteable with Nrg-RNAi (E) or expression of Inscuteable in *Fas2^{G0336}* mutant clones (F) increases the number of follicle cells above the epithelial monolayer. These egg chambers, quantified in Figure 5H, represent 1 of 17 (Nrg-shRNA) and 1 of 10 (*Fas2^{G0336}* clones).

G) Misplaced cells are a consequence of failed reintegrations. A timecourse of 60 minutes shows a cell that fails to reintegrate (marked with an asterisk). This is one of 4 such divisions imaged.

H) Quantification of the frequency of misplaced cells. For Nrg-shRNA, $n=12$ (control) or 17 (Inscuteable expression) stage 6 egg chambers. $p=0.0091$ (*). For Fas2^{G0336} clones, $n=15$ (control) or 10 (Inscuteable expression) stage 6 egg chambers over 50% RFP negative (Fas2^{G0336}/Fas2^{G0336}). $p=0.0014$ (**). Significance was determined using an unpaired, two-tailed students t-test with Welch's correction. Boxes represent the interquartile range (IQR). Whiskers extend from the lowest point within 1.5 IQR of the lower quartile to the highest point within 1.5 IQR of the upper quartile. The center line is the median.

I) A model illustrating the “zipping-up” of lateral adhesion molecules to drive cell reintegration. Although neighboring cells must unzip, adhesion at the tissue level is increased by the integration of an additional cell.

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